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Errata :—

Page 11, under Payments:

No. 3	total should read	13 80
No. 4	Municipal court expenses	14 55

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THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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To the Inhabitants of the Town of Bennington in the County of Hillsborough, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the town hall in said Bennington on Tuesday, the twelfth day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.

3. To choose a delegate to constitutional convention to be holden at Concord, Wednesday, June 5, 1918.

4. To see if the town will appropriate $50.00 for Memorial Day.

5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to secure hydrant service.

6. To see if the town will vote to appropriate $100.00 for the suppression of the Gypsy Moth.

7. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for highways.

8. To see what sum of money the town will vote to appropriate for lighting the streets with electricity.

9. To see what action the town will take with regard to State Aid and maintenance of same and Trunk Line maintenance.

10. To see if the town will vote to accept legacies and gifts given to the town in trust by different individuals, the income to be used in the care of cemetery lots.

11. To see what action the town will take in regard to erecting a suitable railing along the Antrim road and raise and appropriate $200.00 for the same.

12. To see what action the town will take in regard to recovering sidewalks and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Given under our hands and seal, this twenty third day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighteen.

HERBERT A. EATON
CHAS. M. TAYLOR
} Selectmen of Bennington

Town Officers

Selectmen

HEBRERT A. EATON
ARTHUR J. PIERCE
CHARLES M. TAYLOR

Town Clerk

ARTHUR F. BELL

Town Treasurer

ARTHUR F. BELL

Road Agent

CALVIN S. BROWN

Overseer of Poor

HENRY W. WILSON

Tax Collector

EDWARD R. KEESER

Moderator

GEORGE E. EDWARDS

Supervisors

HENRY W. WILSON
GEORGE E. MESSER
JAMES H. BALCH

Auditors

WM. J. GORMAN
HENRY A. GEORGE

Ballot Inspectors

EDWARD R. KEESER
GEORGE H. KING
JAMES J. GRISWOLD
FRANK J. NEWTON

Library Trustees

ALLAN GERRARD
HENRY W. WILSON
CHAS. F. BURNHAM

Constable

RALPH E. MESSER

Health Officer

HENRY W. WILSON

Trustees of Trust Funds

ARTHUR J PIERCE
GEORGE B. GRISWOLD
HENRY WILSON

Sealer of Weights and Measures

FRED A. KNIGHT

Sexton

FRANK A. TAYLOR

Janitor Town Hall

EDWARD R. KEESER

Firewards

GEORGE B. GRISWOLD
JOHN A. EATON
G. EDWARD DUNCKLEE

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber

FRED C. STARRETT
ROBERT KNOWLES
GEORGE H. KING

Forest Fire Warden

HENRY W. WILSON

INVENTORY OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

Assessed on the first day of April, 1917.

201	polls at $2.00 each	$402 00
	Land and buildings	287,095 00
66	horses	8,325 00
2	mules	250 00
4	oxen	400 00
137	cows	9,625 00
18	neat stock	980 00
22	sheep	165 00
5	hogs	100 00
20	fowls	15 00
25	vehicles	8,475 00
2	portable mills	200 00
	Wood and lumber	300 00
	Stock in public funds	2,000 00
	Bank stock	200 00
	Money on hand at interest or on deposit	38,346 00
	Stock in trade	144,781 00
	Aqueducts	20,000 00
	Mills and machinery	288,200 00
	Total valuation exclusive of polls	$809,457 00

Amount given collector $10,439 28

Rate per cent of taxation for all purposes, 1.24 on $100.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Uncollected, Keeser's list, 1916		$2 00
Abated, Keeser's list, 1916		2 00
Amount given E. R. Keeser, 1917		10,439 28
Paid treasurer, E. R. Keeser list, 1917	$10,401 24	
Paid elsewhere and abated	$38 04	
		$10,439 28

Abatements, Keeser's list, 1916

Irving Willett	$2 00

Abatements, Keeser's list, 1917

Annie F. Fleming, over tax	$24 80	
Ida M. Putnam, over tax	1 24	
George Ceheney, paid in Springfield, Mass.	2 00	
William Richmond, paid in Nashua	2 00	
Avery Veino, paid in Newport	2 00	
A. L. Avery, out of town	2 00	
Byron Gibson, out of town	2 00	
Charles Harrison, out of town	2 00	
		$38 04

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash in hands of town treasurer		$3,387 90	
Accounts due the town			
Due from state			
Joint highway accounts:			
State aid construction		111 14	
State aid maintenance		76 39	
For hedgehog bounties paid		3 60	
Total assets			$3,579 03
Net debt Feb. 15, 1917		$209 56	
Surplus, Jan. 31, 1918		524 99	
Net gain for year 1918			$734 55

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:			
Due to School District, dog license		$88 40	
State and town joint highway accounts			
Unexpended balances in state treasury:			
State aid construction		111 14	
State aid maintenance		76 39	
Unexpended balances in town treasury:			
State aid construction		277 85	
State aid maintenance		26	
Notes outstanding (all on demand):			
No. 27, E. I. Dodge	$600 00		
No. 28, C. H. Philbrick	400 00		
No. 31, Chas. E. Eaton	1,000 00		
No. 32, Chas. E. Eaton	500 00		
		2,500 00	
Total liabilities			$3,054 04
Excess of assets over liabilities (surplus)			524 99
Grand total			$3,579 03

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:		
1.	Property and poll taxes the current year actually collected	$10,401 24
From State:		
3.	For highways,	
	(a) For state aid maintenance	332 23
	For state aid construction	363 68
	(d) For trunk line construction	848 23
4.	Insurance tax	6 75
5.	Railroad tax	133 15
6.	Savings bank tax	1,088 47
8.	Literary fund	69 12
10.	Liquor license	142 26
11.	Fighting forest fires	9 65
From County:		
13.	Support of poor	435 00
14.	For aid furnished soldiers	146 24
From Local Sources Except Taxes:		
15.	Dog licenses	98 40
16.	Business licenses and permits	20 00
17.	Fines and forfeits, municipal court	73 00
18.	Rent town hall	365 60
25.	Rent engine hall	2 85
26.	Shingles sold	9 00
27.	Treasurer School District, coal charged town town hall	142 43
32.	Refunds, by C. S. Brown on account of money advanced on state road	310 83
	Total receipts from all sources	$14,998 13
	Cash on hand beginning of year	4,040 97
	Grand total	$19,039 10

PAYMETS

Current Maintenance Expenses	
General Government	
1. Town officers salaries	$513 43
2. Town officers expenses	205 42
3. Election and registration expenses	14 55
5. Expenses town hall and buildings	669 28
Protection of Persons and Property	
6. Police department, including care tramps	115 98
7. Fire department, including forest fires	388 22
8. Moth extermination	62 22
9. Bounties	3 60
10. Damage by dogs	10 00
Health	
11. Health department	16 19
12. Vital statistics	5 10
Highways and Bridges	
14. State aid maintenance	595 30
16. Town maintenance	1,506 03
17. Street lighting	179 68
18. General expenses of highway department, including watering troughs	115 40
Education	
19. Libraries	200 00
Charities	
21. County poor	435 00
Patriotic Purposes	
23. Aid to soldiers and families	146 24
Public Service Enterprises	
25. Public dump	30 76
27. Cemeteries	20 00
Unclassified	
30. Town clock	19 35
Interest	
33. Paid on notes	120 00
Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvements	
36. Highway and bridges, state aid construction	1,796 41
37. Highway and bridges, trunk line construction	1,928 74
42. Railings	61 32

Indebtedness		
44. Payments on notes	500 00	
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions		
47. Taxes paid to state	1,623 50	
48. Taxes paid to county	1,040 36	
50. Payments to school district	3,315 32	
Total payments all purposes		$15,651 20
Cash on hand end of year		3,387 90
Grand total		$19,039 10

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description		
Town house	$10,000 00	
Furniture and equipment	300 00	
G. E. P. Dodge Library	5,000 00	
Furniture and equipment	500 00	
Department Property Police dept., lobby	400 00	
Fire Department, engine house	800 00	
Hand engine, hose cart and hose	500 00	
Highway Dept., store house and equipment	500 00	
Total valuation		$18,000 00

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

General Government

Detail 1. Town Officers, Salaries and Expenses		
Henry W. Wilson, overseer of poor	$17 42	
William J. Gorman, auditor	2 00	
Arthur F. Bell, town clerk	50 00	
Arthur F. Bell, town treasurer	75 00	
Herbert A. Eaton, selectman	125 00	
Edward R. Keeser, tax collector	104 01	
Chas. M. Taylor, selectman	70 00	
Arthur J. Pierce, selectman	70 00	
		$513 43

Detail 2. Town Officers, Expenses		
Edson C. Eastman Co., books	$33 20	
Herbert A. Eaton, express	74	
H. W. Eldredge, printing town reports	47 00	
Herbert A Eaton, receipt and tax collector's books	5 15	
Herbert A. Eaton, mileage and postage	5 47	
Henry W. Wilson, trustee bonds	7 20	
James P. Melzer, printing notices	2 35	
Herbert A. Eaton, paid Silas S. Wiggin, Est. timber lots	35 85	
H. W. Eldredge, printing invoices and taxes	48 00	
Herbert A. Eaton, postage	3 30	
Arthur F. Bell, postage and supplies	4 41	
Herbert A. Eaton, expense, telephone	1 91	
Edw. R. Keeser, postage	5 34	
H. W. Eldredge, printing notices	5 50	
		$205 42

Detail 3. Election and Registration Expenses		
Christian Endeavor Society, dinners, March 13, 1917	$0 80	
H. W. Eldredge, printing ballots	3 00	
W. W. Wilson, supervisor	4 00	
Jas. H. Balch, supervisor	4 00	
Geo. E. Edwards, moderator	2 00	
		$13 80

Detail 4. Municipal Court Expenses		
H. W. Wilson, warrants drawn four cases	$6 00	
R. E. Messer, W. E. Sparks case	8 55	
		$14 55

Detail 5. Expenses Town Hall and Buildings		
Antrim-Bennington Electric Lt. & Pr. Co., lights	$7 51	
Geo. E. Quimby, janitor	8 60	
Jas. A. Elliott, coal	27 62	
Geo. E. Quimby, janitor	8 80	
Edw. R. Keeser, janitor	150 35	
Antrim-Bennington Electric Lt. & Pr. Co.	61 77	
F. A. Piper, tuning piano	2 50	
C. W. Durgin, wood	12 00	
M. M. Cheney, wood	6 00	
Bennington Water Works, water	25 00	
Fred A. Knight, supplies	2 63	
Henry W. Wilson, insurance	99 25	
Jas. A. Elliott, coal	257 25	
		$669 28

Of the above coal account there has been paid by the school district $142.43, being their proportion of coal used by schools, and should be deducted from total expenses of hall.

Protection of Persons and Property

Detail 6. Police Department, Including Care Tramps		
Wm. F. Harrington, police, in Chase case	$5 00	
W. F. Harrington, police duty, July 4th	2 50	
Monadnock Paper Mills, police badges	3 90	
Antrim-Bennington E. Lt. & Pr. Co., labor, silent policemen	35 06	
R. E. Messer, constable	10 00	
W. F. Harrington, police	10 00	
Harry S. Dunbar, police	10 00	
E. R. Keeser, police and dog constable	10 00	
Geo. M. Holmes, police	5 00	
John Day, police	2 50	
James J. Griswold, wood, tramp house	2 25	
R. E. Messer, feeding tramps	4 35	
F. A. Knight, feeding tramps, oil, glass, etc.	7 17	
Antrim-Bennington E. Lt. & Pr. Co., lights	8 25	
		$115 98

Detail 7. Fire Department, Including Forest Fires		
Bennington Water Works, hydrants	$250 00	
Henry K. Barnes Co., rubber coats and hats	45 90	
Henry W. Wilson, insurance, engine hall	18 13	
G. O. Joslin, oil, engine house	44	
P. J. Shea, watching fire	1 25	
John A. Eaton, watching fire	1 25	
P. J. Shea, care engine	25 00	
John A. Harmon, payroll	46 25	
		$388 22
Detail 8. Moth Extermination		
H. N. Bean, spraying	$62 22	
		$62 22
Detail 9. Bounties		
Herbert A. Eaton, paid on hedgehogs	$3 60	
		$3 60
Detail 10. Damage Done By Dogs		
George R. Dodge, sheep killed by dogs	$10 00	
		$10 00
Health		
Detail 11. Health Department		
Henry W. Wilson, health officer and expenses	$16 19	
		$16 19
Detail 12. Vital Statistics		
Arthur F. Bell, returning births and deaths	$4 35	
E. G. Dearborn, M. D., returning births and deaths	75	
		$5 10
Highway and Bridges		
Detail 14. State Aid Maintenance		
George Holmes, labor	$15 46	
George Holmes, labor	7 00	
Frank O. Cross, labor	21 11	
Frank O. Cross, trucking gravel	95 25	
Frank O. Cross, labor	3 50	
George M. Holmes, labor	189 95	
Moses Fournier, labor	263 03	
		$595 30

Detail 16. Town Maintenance		
Henry W. Wilson, insurance	$12 00	
C. S. Brown, road agent	1,184 88	
C. S. Brown, breaking roads and walks	157 00	
Jas. J. Griswold, breaking roads	22 90	
Jas. J. Griswold, road agent	6 92	
J. F. Poor, plank	74 14	
Goodell Co., plank	48 19	
		$1,506 03
Detail 17. Street Lighting		
Antrim-Bennington E. Lt. & Pr. Co.	$179 68	
		$179 68
Detail 18. General Expenses of Highway Department, Including Watering Trough		
Traffic Sign & Signal Co., silent policemen	$12 00	
Geo. Quimby, labor, silent policemen	2 80	
Monadnock Paper Mills, material, silent policemen	80	
W. H. McCoy, shingle tool house	15 20	
J. F. Miles, shingle tool house	9 00	
Geo. O. Joslin, nails, tool house	2 60	
Geo. O. Joslin, shingles and drawing	62 50	
W. C. Starrett, watering trough and repairs	10 50	
		$115 40
Detail 19. Education		
Henry W. Wilson, library	$200 00	
		$200 00
Detail 21. Charities—County Poor		
Paid Henry W. Wilson, overseer	$435 00	
		$435 00
Detail 23. Patriotic Purposes—Aid to Soldiers and Families		
H. W. Wilson, Overseer	$146 24	
		$146 24

Detail 25. Public Service Enterprises—Public Dump		
Hattie A. Wilson, deed	$15 00	
Calvin R. Wood, recording deed	89	
William E. Downes, labor on dump	9 25	
Geo. E. Duncklee, labor on dump	5 62	
		$30 76
Detail 27. Cemeteries		
Bennington Water Works Co., water	$20 00	
		$20 00
Detail 30. Unclassified—Town Clock		
E. R. Keeser, labor and material	$3 35	
Allan Gerrard, care of clock	15 00	
		$19 35
Detail 33. Paid on Notes		
Edw. I. Dodge, interest note No. 27	$24 00	
Lewis A. Knight, interest note No. 30	20 00	
C. H. Philbrick, interest note No. 28	16 00	
Chas. E. Eaton, interest notes Nos. 31 and 32	60 00	
		$120 00
Outlay New Construction and Permanent Improvements		
Detail 36. Highway and Bridges, State Aid Construction		
C. S. Brown, road agent	$1,495 18	
Monadnock Paper Mills, cement	103 13	
Monadnock Paper Mills, lumber	65 38	
Goodnow & Derby, cement	97 50	
Boston & Maine Railroad, freight	35 22	
		$1,796 41
Detail 37. Highway and Bridges, trunk Line Construction		
C. S. Brown, road agent	$1,928 74	
		$1,928 74

Detail 42. Railings		
E. M. Scarbo, labor	$8 00	
Perry, Buxton & Doane Co., pipe for railing	52 00	
Boston & Maine Railroad, freight on pipe	1 32	
		$61 32
Detail 44. Indebtedness		
Lewis A. Knight, paid note No. 30	$500 00	
		$500 00
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions		
Detail 47. John W. Plummer, state treasurer, state tax		1,623 50
Detail 48. Albert H. White, county treasurer, county tax		1,040 36
Detail 50. Margaret J. Taylor, school treasurer		
Amount appropriated by town	$3,150 00	
Dog tax for 1916	96 20	
Literary fund	69 12	
		$3,315 32
Total payments for all purposes		$15,651 20

ARTHUR F. BELL, Treasurer.

HERBERT A. EATON,
ARTHUR J. PIERCE,
CHAS. M. TAYLOR,
Selectmen of Bennington.

We have examined the above reports of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer and Tax Collector and Road Agent and find them correct and all disbursements properly vouched.

The accounts have been arranged in accordance with the uniform classification of the Tax Commission.

WM. J. GORMAN,
HENRY A. GEORGE,
Auditors.

TOWN HALL REPORT

	Received For Rent	Received For Care
February	$16 50	$8 60
March	11 50	8 80
	$28 00	$17 40

GEORGE QUIMBY,
Janitor.

Received from W. A. Nichols:
Insurance on hall acct. moving pictures $13 60

	For Rent of Hall	For Care of Hall
March	$20 50	$10 70
April	29 00	14 20
May	48 50	17 50
June	29 00	10 60
July	34 00	9 90
August	45 50	15 30
September	34 00	14 50
October	29 50	11 00
November	24 00	15 65
December	24 00	14 30
January	6 00	16 70
	$322 00	$150 35

EDW. R. KEESER,
Janitor.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT. Dogs Licensed

42 Males,	at $2.00 each	$84.00
4 Females	at 5.00 each	20.00
2 Spayed females	at 2.00 each	4.00
		$108.00
Less Town Clerk's fees		9.60
Paid Town Treasurer		$98.40

ARTHUR F. BELL, Clerk.

ROAD AGENTS REPORT

March, 1917		
C. S. Brown, 4 hours	$1 12	
Geo. E. Quimby, 4 hours	89	
Geo. M. Brown, 1 day, 6 hours	3 34	
		$5 35
April, 1917		
C. S. Brown, 5 days	$13 75	
Geo. M Brown, 6 days	13 25	
Geo. E. Quimby, 6 days, 2 hours	13 48	
Wm. Harrington, 5 days	11 25	
John Smiley, 5 days	11 25	
Herbert Wilson, team, 5 days	27 50	
F. A. Taylor, team, no man, 5 days	16 25	
		$106 73
May, 1917		
C. S. Brown, 19 days, 2 hours	$52 91	
Geo. M. Brown, 19 days, 3 1-2 hours	43 63	
Geo. E. Quimby, 18 days, 7 hours	42 25	
John Smiley, 13 days, 2 hours	29 75	
Wm. Harrington, 19 days, 3 1-2 hours	43 63	
Gilman Foote, 4 days, 6 hours	10 50	
Herbert Wilson, team, 14 days, 2 hours, no man 3 days, 2 hours	78 22	
F .A. Taylor, team, 9 days, 2 hours	42 72	
Brad Brown, team	1 00	
C. S. Brown, sharpening drills	50	
		$345 11
June, 1917		
C. S. Brown, 17 days, 6 1-2 hours	$8 77	
Geo. M. Brown, 18 days, 1 1-2 hours	40 88	
Geo. E. Quimby, 15 days, 1 1-2 hours	34 13	
John Smiley, 17 days, 6 1-2 hours	39 88	
Gilman Foote, 10 days, 5 hours	23 75	
Wm. Harrington, 15 days, 1 1-2 hours	34 13	
Herbert Wilson team, 77 days, 1 1-2 hours	94 42	
F. A. Taylor, team, 15 days, 4 1-2 hours	85 25	
A. C. Wisell Smith, work	3 90	
		$405 11

July, 1917		
C. S. Brown, 3 days, 1 hour	$8 60	
G. M. Brown, 1 day	2 25	
John Smiley, 5 hours	1 25	
Herbert Wilson, team, 2 days	11 00	
Brad Brown, team	1 00	
		$24 10
August, 1917		
C. S. Brown, 4 days, 1 hour	$1135	
G. M. Brown, 4 days, 1 hour	9 25	
John Smiley, 1 day, 3 hours	3 00	
Geo. E. Quimby, 1 day, 4 hours	3 25	
F. A. Taylor, team, 1 day, 4 hours	7 94	
J. Diemond, team, 1 day	5 50	
A. E. Wisel Smith, work	1 00	
		$41 29
September, 1917		
C. S. Brown, 1 day, 5 hours	$4 30	
G. M. Brown, 1 day, 1 hour	2 50	
John Smiley, 1 day, 5 hours	3 50	
Geo. E. Quimby, 1 day, 5 hours	3 50	
Viviyan Fournier, 1 day	2 25	
F. A. Taylor, team, 5 hours	3 05	
J. Diemond team, 1 day	5 50	
		$24 60
J. Franklin Poor, plank		$74 14
November, 1917		
E. A. Joslin, cutting brushes	$2 00	
		$2 00
December, 1917		
Breaking roads		
J. Harvey Balch, bill	$19 12	
C. W. Durgin, team, 2 days, 1-2 hour	11 24	
C. J. Green, 1 day, 5 hours	3 50	
Geo. King, 7 hours	1 75	
Wm. Harrington, 7 hours	1 75	
C. S. Brown, 4 days	11 00	
John Smiley, 2 hours	50	
Joe Diemond, team, 2 days, 4 hours	13 40	
A. J. Pierce, team, 6 days, at $4.50	27.00	
G. Q. Joslin, team, on sidewalks	7 00	

John D. Weston, bill	16 75	
F. A. Taylor, bill	29 82	
F. A. Taylor, plowing sidewalks	9 40	
		$152 23

January, 1918

Breaking roads		
C. S. Brown, 1 day	$2 75	
Wm. Harrington, 1 day, 8 hours	4 74	
F. A. Taylor, scraping walk and sanding	10 53	
F. A. Taylor, bill, team on roller and breaking roads	26 50	
G. Lewis Dodge, breaking roads	10 60	
J. Harvey Balch, breaking roads	13 68	
P. Diemond, team on roller	13 35	
J. A. Elliott, team on roller	9 00	
Fred Colby, team on roller	3 30	
Gust Dodge, 5 hours	1 35	
E. Waldron, 5 hours	1 35	
J. R. Colby, breaking roads	54 00	
		$151 15

Miscellaneous Bills

Penn Metal Co., 2 pipes	35 81	
G. O. Joslin, bill, supplies	32 05	
Fred Knight, bill, supplies	2 85	
J. R. Colby, raking stone	3 00	
M. H. Newton, poles and posts	10 50	
Goodell Co., bill, plank	48 19	
		$132 40

REPORT OF SUNNYSIDE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

For year ending January 31, 1918

Balance on hand, Feb 15, 1917		$9 07	
1917			
Received from town Trustees		102 76	
Received from Mary B. Jameson		5 00	
Received from Goodell Co. for paint		6 23	
Total			$123 06

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1917			
May 28	Paid B. D. Brown, labor with team	$3 00	
May 31	Paid John Lake, labor with team	5 50	
June 3	Paid B. & M. R. R., freight	63	
June 4	Paid W. E. Downes, painting fence	15 38	
June 4	Paid Chas. Bartlett, painting fence	15 30	
June 12	Paid C. S. Brown, labor	13 50	
June 25	Paid Geo. E. Quimby, labor	4 50	
June 29	Paid W. P. Harrington, labor	2 25	
July 14	Paid Eclipse Paint Co., paint	5 50	
July 17	Paid W. E. Downes, labor	4 50	
July 18	Paid Goodell Co., grinding lawn mower	50	
Sept. 6	Paid W. P. Harrington, labor	1 25	
Oct. 20	Paid W. P. Harrington, labor	6 40	
Nov. 16	Paid B. B. Brown, labor	1 00	
1918			
Jan.	Paid R. S. Cram, trustee	5 00	
Jan. 28	Paid Monadnock mills, lawn sprinklers	2 60	
Jan. 28	Paid Henry W. Wilson, labor and loam	7 50	
			$94 31

Total receipts	$123 06
Total paid out	94 31
Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1918	$28 75

R. S. CRAM
Sec.-Treas., Trustees.
S. W. KNIGHT,
H. W. WILSON

G. E. P. DODGE LIBRARY TRUSTEES' REPORT

There are 91 persons taking out books. There has been added 76 books. By gift 20 and by purchase 56. We now have 2975 books on the shelves. We are taking 10 magazines, the same as last year. Books have been received from the following persons, for which the Trustees return thanks: Mrs. Chas. Dutton, Chas. F. Burnham, George McKay, Carnegie Endowment Fund. Letters and old coins from Mrs. C. A. Phillips.

ALLEN GERRARD,
HENRY W. WILSON,
Trustees G. E. P. Dodge Library.

G. E. P. DODGE LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT

Amount on hand Feb. 15, 1917	$321 19	
Received from Town Treasurer	200 00	
Received from Emma Bartlett, librarian	11 70	
		$532 89
Paid for books	$66 69	
Magazines	15 00	
Wood sawing and piling	30 12	
Supplies	5 45	
Electric lights	17 79	
For express and postage	97	
H. W. Wilson, car fare and money paid out	5 25	
A. A. Gerrard, carfare and money paid out	5 25	
Emma G. Bartlett, librarian	50 00	
Cash on hand, January 31, 1918	336 37	
		$532 89

HENRY W. WILSON,
Treasurer.

Approved.

WM. J. GORMAN,
Auditor.

Jan. 31, 1918.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF EVERGREEN CEMETERY

For the Year Ending Feb. 1, 1918

Bennington, N. H., Feb. 1, 1918.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Dr.

Cast on hand, Feb. 1, 1917	$28 24	
April 11, received from Charles F. Monahan	5 00	
		$33 24

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By cash on hand, Feb. 1, 1918	$32 24	
May 26, 1917, W. C. Starrett, fixing pipe	50	
Mar. 7, 1917, W. C. Starrett, shutting water off	50	
		$33 24

C. H. PHILBRICK,
J. J. GRISWOLD,
H. A. EATON,
Trustees of Evergreen Cemetery.

OVERSEERS OF POOR DEPARTMENT

Bills Paid for Hillsborough County from Jan. 1, 1917, to Jan. 1, 1918

Dependent Poor

Paid	W. Manning, rent, Mrs P. Cody	$96 00
	W. E. Cram, goods, Geo. T. Done	83 74
	Martha J. Baldwin, rent, Geo. T. Done 11 months	77 00
	G. O. Joslin, goods, John Maynard	47 12
	Dr. Tibbetts, care Mrs. Maynard	76 50
	Emily F. Downes estate, rent, Mrs. Maynard	76 50
	C. W. Durgin, wood, Mrs. Maynard	3 00
	Dr. Tibbetts, care Otto Manley	1 50
	Ida Atwood, board, Otto Manley	35 00
	H. W. Wilson, carrying Otto Manley	8 80

HENRY W. WILSON,
Overseer of Poor.

DEPENDENT SOLDIERS

Paid	Geo. O. Joslin, goods, Mrs. Upton	$72 68
	C. H. Dutton, wood and water, rent, Mrs. Upton	31 33
	F. A. Taylor, wood, Mrs. Upton	3 50
	J. M. Halt, labor, Mrs. Upton	1 00
	Goodell Co., wood, Mrs. Upton	2 50
	W. F. Harrington, board, Mrs. Upton	39 42
	Mike Shea, labor, Mrs. Upton	2 00
	H. W. Wilson, carrying, Mrs. Upton	17 60

FIREWARDS REPORT

Year ending Jan. 3, 1918.

Merrimac engine No. 1, in good condition.

House wagon, excellent condition.

On hand to date: 500 ft. 2 1-2 in. hose, good condition; 400 ft. 2 1-4 in. hose, good condition; 300 ft. 2 1-2 in. hose, good condition; 200 ft. 2 1-4 in. hose, poor condition; 2 Keystone fire extinguishers, good condition; 1 Babcock fire extinguisher, poor condition.

Ladders in good condition: 1 24 ft., 1 22 ft., 1 20 ft.

10 rubber coats in new condition.

We consider it necessary and recommend that the town purchase 1 dozen shovels and 1-2 dozen pails for the protection of property against forest and brush fires.

1 fire at the Pupa house.

The men have attended their meetings regular and the department seems to be in good condition.

Respectfully submitted,

CHIEF JOHN A. EATON,
GEO. B. GRISWOLD,
Clerk of Firewards,
GEO. E. DUNCKLEE,
Second Assistant.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT

For the year ending January 31, 1918.

Margaret J. Taylor, Treasurer

Cash on hand Feb. 15, 1917	$293 94	
Amount raised for schools	3,150 00	
Dog tax	96 20	
Literary fund	69 12	
		$3,609 26

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Cash paid teachers		
Florence Center	$448 00	
Mae Cashion	462 00	
Lulu M. Cilley	396 00	
Freida Edwards	10 00	
		$1,316 00
Books and supplies		
American Book Co.	$11 47	
Little, Brown & Co.	14 02	
F. A. Owens Co.	1 10	
Edward Babb Co.	7 71	
L. Hammett	106 54	
Rand, McNalley Co.	5 04	
Mae Cashion	1 00	
H. E. Remington Co.	19 05	
Charles Scribner's Sons	12 39	
Houghton, Mifflin	1 36	
Silver, Burdett Co.	1 69	
C. C. Birchard	2 82	
		$184 19
Care of schools		
Elizabeth H. Wilson	$208 05	
Edward Keeser	3 40	
		$211 45
Fuel for Schools		
Town for coal	$142 43	
C. Durgan, wood	6 00	
Eileen Newhall, wood	5 50	

Herbert Wilson, sawing wood	2 00	
H. R. Lund, wood	10 00	
		$165 93
Music		
Gertrude Van Dommele		$97 21
Tuition		
Milford High School	$132 50	
Antrim High School	248 25	
Antrim lower Grades	$54 55	
		$435 30
Transportation to Antrim from North Bennington		
Herbert Curtis		$192 50
Water bill (Bennington)		$25 00

MISCELLANEOUS

Fred R. Knight, janitor supplies	$2 25	
G. W. Hunt, closet hopper	10 50	
Henry W. Kilson, G. S. Ins.	33 00	
Henry W. Wilson, insurance on books	2 20	
Boston Regalia Co., flags	7 50	
Fred A. Knight	2 21	
Boston Regalia Co., stands	75	
Fred A. Knight	4 03	
Monadnock Paper Mill, glass for cup	1.50	
Fred Miles, work on blackboards	2 40	
W. McCoy, work on backboards	3 20	
Starrell, telephoning	50	
George Dickey, painting G. school	51 54	
Hattie Wilson, postage stamps	3 78	
Fred A. Knight	65	
George Edward, supplies	1 92	
G. W. Hunt, repairs on closet	12 85	
Fred A. Knight	3 30	
		$144 08
Labor on New Floor		
F. D Cook lumber	$79 00	
B. & M. freight	2 88	
B. D. Brown, drawing same	1 50	
G. O. Joslin, nails and supplies	1 47	
W. McCoy, laying floor	44 00	
		$128 85

Salaries of officers		
Arthur Bell, clerk	$5 00	
Hattie Wilson	25 00	
George Edwards	10 00	
Arthur J. Pierce	10 00	
Ralph Messer, truant officer	10 00	
Margaret J. Taylor, treasurer	25 00	
		$85 00
Total receipts	$3,609 26	
Fred Scott, tuition	3 00	
Disbursements	2,985 51	
Balance on hand		$626 75

MARGARET J. TAYLOR,
Treasurer.

Approved,

W. J. GORMAN,
HENRY W. WILSON,
Auditors.

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Primary School	Fall Term, 1917 John Wisell
Intermediate School	Summer Term, 1917 Charles Scully Barbara Timme Athaliah G. Edwards
	Fall Term, 1917 Louise Traxler
Grammar School	Summer Term, 1917 Albert E. Timme Doris M. Wilson
	Fall Term, 1917 David Braid Athaliah G. Edwards Caroline E. F. Edwards

REPORT OF SEXTON OF TOWN OF BENNINGTON, N. H.

For Year Ending February 15, 1918

Name	Age Yrs	Mo	Ds	Died	Disease	Place of Interment
Mary B. Favor	75	7	6	March 6	Uranemia	Bennington
John L. King	56	2	23	June 22	Myocarditis	"
Herbert Cate	34	4	24	December 7	Valvular Heart Disease	Antrim
Ellen Shea	75	10	13	December 10	Arterio Sebosis	Peterboro
Charlotte M. Whitney	87	9	9	December 10	Influenza	Bennington
George F. Dane	69		22	December 31	Exhaustion	"
Brought to Bennington for Interment						
Frank A. Barrett				February 8	Strangulated hernia	From Farmington
Fred H. Kimball	60	7	27	September 23	Acute endocarditis	From Nashua
Mount Calvary Cemetery						
Mary Cody Shea	77			March 31	Acute indigestion	From Hancock
Mrs. Mary Cashion	64		1	July 1	Mitral Sterosis	Bennington
Richard Coughlan	53	5		December	Found dead	From Hancock
John Munhall				January 30, 1918		From Antrim

Respectfully submitted, FRANK A. TAYLOR, Sexton

Report of Trust Funds of Town of Bennington, February 15, 1918

Date of Creat'n	Trust Funds Purpose of Creation Name of Fund and Donor	Amount of Principal	How Funds are Invested As required by Chapter 162, Laws of 1915	Rate of Interest	Par Value of Securities	Cash on Hand
May 1916	Abram Ramsey Cemetery fnd	$300 00	Manchester Savings Bank	All at 4 %		1 yr. Int. Due
May 1916	Abram Ramsey "	300 00	" "			" " "
Dec. 1906	G. A. Whittemore "	300 00	N. H. Savings Bank			" " "
Feb. 1905	Anna Woodbury "	200 00	Amoskeag Savings Bank			2 " " "
Mar. 1906	Anne A Ramsey "	200 00	" "			" " "
July 1913	Geo. L. Herrick "	200 00	" "		$208 16	" " "
Mar. 1914	Mrs. A. D. Green "	200 00	" "		210 75	" " "
Mar. 1914	Mrs. C. M. Whitney "	200 00	" "		210.75	" " "
Apr. 1914	Abram Ramsey "	1766 16	" "			1 " " "
Jan. 1915	C. J. Kimball "	150 00	" "			" " "
Jan. 1916	W. S. Carkin "	332 20	" "			" " "
Feb. 1917	A. W. Gray "	100 00	" "			

We have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

W. J. GORMAN,
H. A. GEORGE, } Auditors

Bennington, N. H., Feb. 28, 1918

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF

BENNINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year, Feb. 1, 1918, to Jan. 31, 1919

Compared with Actual Revenue and Expenditures of the Previous Year, Feb. 16, 1917, to Jan. 31, 1918

Sources of Revenue	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1917	Estimated Rev Ensuing Year 1918	Increase	Decrease
FROM STATE:				
Insurance Tax	6.75	6.75		
Railroad Tax	133.15	133.15		
Savings Bank Tax	1088.47	1088.47		
Liquor Licenses	142.26			142.26
For Fighting Forest Fires	9.65			9.65
For Highways				
(a) For State Aid Mnten	332.23	168.00		164.23
(b) For Trunk Line Mnten		420.00	420.00	
FROM LOCAL SOURCES EXCEPT TAXES:				
All Licenses and Permits except Dog Licenses	20.00	20.00		
Fines and Forfeits	73.00			73.00
Rent Town Hall and Other Bldgs, inc. coal to schools	510.88	510.88		
Refunded by C. S. Brown, Rd Agt, money advanced on State Road	310.83			310.83
Shingles sold	9.00			9.00
FROM POLL TAXES:	396.00	396.00		
Revenue Applicable only to New Const and Impvts:				
From State:				
(a) For St Aid Hgwy Cnst	363.68	484.80	121.12	
(b) For Trk Ln Hgwy Cnst	848.23			848.23
Revenue which must be pd to other Govmtl Div:				
Dog Licenses	98.40	98.40		
Literary Fund	69.12	69.12		
County for support of Poor and Soldiers	581.24	581.24		
TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES:	4992.89	3976.81		1016.08
Amt Raisd by Prty Taxes:	10005.24	10312.71	307.47	
TOTAL REVENUES	$14998.13	14289.52		$708.61

Purposes of Expenditures	Actual Expdt Previous Year 1917	Estimated Expdt Ensu'g Year 1918	Increase	Decrease
Current Maintenance Expenses:				
General Government:				
Town Officers' Salaries	$513.43	513.43		
Town Officers' Expenses	205.42	205.42		
Election and Registrn Exp	13.80	86.80	73.00	
Municipal Court Expenses	14.55			14.55
Care and Sup Town Hall	669.28	1169.28	500.00	
Protection of Persons and Property:				
Police Dept, including care tramps	115.98	100.00		15.98
Fire Department	388.22	342.32		45.90
Moth Extermination	62.22	100.00	37.78	
Damage by dogs	10.00	10.00		
Health:				
Health Department	16.19	68.19	52.00	
Vital Statistics	5.10	5.10		
Highways and Bridges:				
State Aid Maintenance				
State's Contribution	332.23	168.00		164.23
Town's Contribution	263.07	168.00		95.07
Trunk Line Maintenance				
State's Contribution		420.00	420.00	
Town's Contribution		420.00	420.00	
Town Maintenance	1506.03	1200.00		306.03
Street Lighting	179.68	179.68		
Gen Exp hgwy dept	115.40	100.00		15.40
Education:				
Libraries	200.00	200.00		
Public Service Enterprises:				
Cemeteries	20.00	20.00		
Town Clock	19.35	20.00	.65	
Dump	30.76			30.76
INTEREST:				
On Long-term Notes	120.00	100.00		20.00
Outlay for New Cnstrn and Permanent Improvements:				
Railings	61.32	200.00	138.68	
State Aid Construction				
State's Contribution	363.68	484.80	121.12	
Town's Contribution	1432.73	1212.00		220.73
Trunk Line Construction				
State's Contribution	848.23			848.23
Town's Contribution	1080.51			1080.51

Purposes of Expenditures	Actual Expdt Previous Year 1917	Estimated Expdt Ensu'g Year 1918	Increase	Decrease
Indebtedness:				
Payments on Prin of Debt				
Long Term Notes	500.00			500.00
Payts to other Govmtl Div:				
State Taxes	1623.50	1528.00		95.50
County Taxes	1040.36	1537.26	496.90	
Payts to School Dist	3315.32	3150.00		165.32
To Poor and Soldiers amt reed from County	581.24	581.24		
Bounties	3.60			3.60
TOTAL EXPENDITU'S	$15651.20	13792.62		$1858.58

EFFECT ON TAX RATE

Assessed Valuation Previous Year	$809,457.00
Estimated Decrease in Assessed Valuation	25,000.00
Estimated Assessed Valuation Ensuing Year	$784,457.00
Amt Reqrd by Budget to be Raisd by Prty Taxes	$10,312.71
Tax Rate Ensuing Year per $100 of Valuation	$1.32

Every Appropriation of $1000 in addition to the Estimates of this Budget will raise the Tax Rate $.13 per $100 Valuation.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Births Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year ending December 31, 1917

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Liv'g or sb.	Sex	No. of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Jan. 26	Elmore William	All Living	M	5	Wm. Ernest Call	Anna Belle Whitney	Bennington	Fireman	Rumney, N. H.	Hancock, N. H.
Feb. 18	Carl Eugene		M	2	Carl Burdette Vose	Eva Mabel Lashua		Laborer	Francestown, N. H.	Ashburnham, Mass.
July 27	Athena		F	5	Demitrius Koucourle	Mary Koutsonvasil		Laborer	Trikala, Thessalia	Trikala, Thessalia
Aug. 14	Philip Augustus		M	6	Augustus C. Wisell	M. Maude Halnon		Blacksmith	Shoreham, Vt.	Cornwall, Vt.
Aug. 30	Leroy Heath		M	3	Joseph Diemond	Abby Heath		Paper Mill	Switzerland	Walloston, Mass.
Sept. 14	Francis		F	3	Joseph Cuddemi	Munzia Laiocono		Paper Mill	Italy	Italy
Sept. 6	Allan Clover		M	4	John T. Day	Lois E. Clover		Carpenter	Greenfield, N. H.	Liberty Center, Ohio
Sept. 20	Maude Amy		F	3	George H. King	Maude F. Sheldon		Carpenter	Bennington, N. H.	Stamford, Conn.
Dec. 2	Elizabeth		F	3	Patrick Shea	Mary E. Quinn		Paper Maker	So. Hadley, Mass.	Hancock, N. H.
Dec. 10	James George		M	2	James Cuddihy	Elsie Holmes		Paper Mill	Antrim, N. H.	Berlin, Miss.
Dec. 28	Cedric Ernest		M	1	Wilford J. Newton	Hazel C. Ryder		Handle Shop	Bennington, N. H.	Pawtucket, R. I.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year ending December 31, 1917

Date and Place of marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age—years	Occupat'n of Groom & Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupat'n.	Name, Residence, and Official Station of Person by whom married.
June 1	Wilford J. Newton	Bennington	19	Laborer	Bennington	Samuel H. Newton	Bennington	Farmer	Henry W. Wilson
						Mary L. Harris	Shirley, Mass.	Housewife	Bennington
Bennington	Hazel C. Ryder	Bennington	17	Housework	Pawtucket R I	Charles G. Ryder	Sweeden	Baker	Justice of the Peace
						Effie M. Gross		Housewife	
Aug. 25	Willie Wallace Wooster	Canaan	29	Painter	Canaan	Herbert B. Wooster	Bristol	Harness mkr	Chas. H. Farnsworth
						Etta P. Norris	Dorchester	Mach runner	Concord
Concord	Annie Myra French	Bennington	22	Housework	Bennington	Albert French	Greenfield	Laborer	Clergyman
						Nellie M. Smith	Walpole	Housewife	
Oct. 10	Harry S. Dunbar	Bennington	31	Chauffeur	New Boston	David P. Dunbar		Farmer	Henry A. Coolidge
						Marietta Hamilton	Manchester	Housewife	Antrim
Antrim	Florence French	Bennington	17	Housework	Bennington	Albert French	Greenfield	Laborer	Minister
						Nellie M. Smith	Walpole	Housewife	
Oct. 9	Frank B. Green	Bennington	24	Teamster	So. Weare	Chas. G. Green	Conn	Blacksmith	Bernard Copping
						Mary Osborn	So. Weare	Housewife	Bennington
Bennington	Ethel French	Bennington	21	Housework	Bennington	Albert French	Greenfield	Laborer	Clergyman
						Nellie M. Smith	Walpole	Housewife	
Oct. 18	Cyrus H. Philbrick	Bennington	67	Station Agt.	Lyme	Jos. C. Philbrick		Farmer	Bernard Copping
						Hopee Tinkham	Lyme	Housewife	Bennington
Bennington	Annie S. Fleming	Bennington	56	Dressmaker	Dublin	Edward Mulhall		Farmer	Clergyman
						Mary Welch	Boston, Mass.	Housewife	
Nov. 9	James D. Walker	Bennington	20	Carpenter	Upton, Mass.	James Walker		Hostler	Henry W. Wilson
						Katherine Harrington	Hopkinton	Housekpr	Bennington
Bennington	Mazie Eleanor Doucette	Lowell, Mass.	17	Laborer	Everett, Mas .	Harvey Doucette	St. John, N. B.	Foreman	Justice of the Peace
						Henrietta Austin	Hallowell	Housekpr	

Deaths Registered in the Town of Bennington for the Year ending December 31, 1917

Date of death	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age. Years.	Months.	Days.	Place of Birth.	Sex.	S. M. W. D.	Occupation.	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Place of Birth. Father	Mother	Cause of Death
Jan. 17	Baby Felies			3	Bennington	F			Michael Felies	Sofia Felios	Greece	Greece	Cerebral Mengts.
*Feb. 8	Grace Mulhall	20	10	2	Hancock	F	S	Housekpr.	Edw. T. Mulhall	Lizzie M. Carter	Hancock	Wilton	Exhaustion
*Jan. 23	Louis Guirmond	72			Canada	M	M	Laborer	Xavier Guimond	Mary Ferron	Canada	Canada	Uraemia
Mar. 6	Mary B. Favor	75	7	6	Boston, Mass.	F	M	At home	Henry Pratt	Mary Blanchard	Boston	Antrim	Uraemia
June 22	John L. King	56	2	23	New Boston	M	W	Carpenter	Jonathan King	Irene Peaslee		Weare	Myocarditis
June 20	Mary Cashion	64		1	Ireland	F	M	Housewife	Richard Welch	Kate Burns	Ireland	Ireland	Mitral Stenosis
*Sep. 23	Fred H. Kimball	60	7	27	Bennington	M	M	Knife Mfr.	Caleb J. Kimball	Ruth Felt	Temple	Temple	Acute Endocarditis
Dec. 7	Herbert Cate	34	4	24	Allentown	M	M	Teamster	Ocemus Cate	Sarah Brown			Valvular Heart Dis.
Dec. 10	Ellen Shea	75	10	13	Ireland	F	W	Housewife					Hardening Arteries
Dec. 10	Charlotte M. Whitney	87	9	9	Bennington	F	W	Retired	Samuel Belcher	Anna Caldwell	Rowley, Mass.	Weare	Influenza
Dec. 31	George T. Dane	69		22	Dorchester, Mass	M	W	Canvasser	Moses Dane	Mary Covil	Hillsboro	Boston	Exhaustion
*Dec.	Richard Coughlan	53	5		Ireland	M	S	Farmer	Jas. Coughlan	Johan McGrath	Ireland	Ireland	Found dead

* Brought here for burial.

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief, ARTHUR F. BELL, Town Clerk

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